

Testimony in Support of HB 6998

"An Act Concerning the Conveyance of Certain State Land"

By Basley Road Materials 3/16/15

Good afternoon to Chairmen Cassano & Jutila and members of the GAE Committee. My name is Mark Zessin, I am representing Basley Rd. Materials in support of HB 6998, specifically section 15, regarding the conveyance of a temporary easement across state property to connect our property with property owned by Ernest Joly & Sons.

The easement requested is 1500 feet, as shown on this plan, which crosses a closed gravel pit. Other than 500-700 feet of new road construction, the easement would not impact the existing site other than some minor grading. We estimate 13 to 21 truck crossings of the property per day for 8 months of the year. Again, this easement would have virtually no impact on the property as it exists today since the property is subject to fairly intense use by off-road motorcycles and ATV's. The addition of these trucks should have no appreciable adverse impact on wildlife or their habitats. We have reviewed the Natural Diversity Database Area Mapping updated by DEEP in June 2014 and updated again in December 2014 and the area of the requested easement is more than 1500 feet from the nearest identified habitats and are more than one mile from the nearest identified Critical Habitats.

As others will testify, the easement allows access to a 48 acre parcel in Plainfield which abuts the state property. As is indicated in question 3.E of the Conveyance Questionnaire, the western piece of Ms. Sleboda's land, totaling 30 acres, which is part of the 48 acres she owns, will be deeded to the state after the completion of mining.

Access to the Plainfield property is currently only available through a residential subdivision. While the Town of Plainfield is supportive of allowing sand & gravel to be removed from the property they do not support access through the residential subdivision by trucks.

We point out to committee members the economic benefits; preservation of jobs and sales & property tax revenues generated. Over ten years the estimated payroll that will be retained is \$ 8.5 Million with property and sales taxes estimated at \$ 3.5 Million.

The benefits of conveying this easement are substantial and we hope the committee will continue to support the issuance.



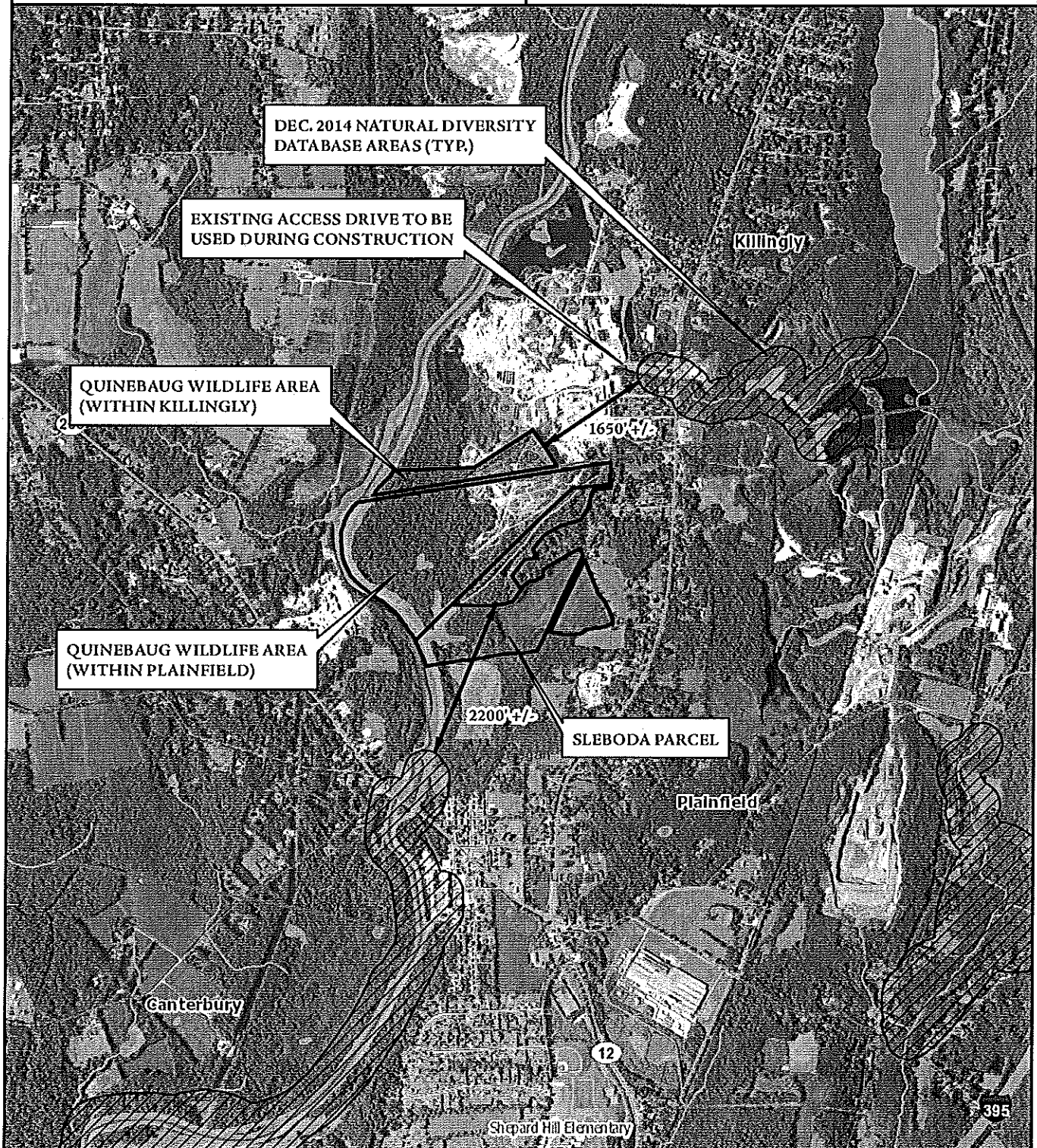
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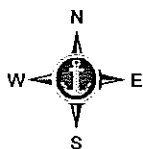
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**DETAILED SITE MAP**  
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